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FROM AMBASSADOR STERNER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH ON UN

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1. I WAS ABLE TO SEE UAE FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAYDI AT HIS LONDON HOTEL JULY 30 TO MAKE APPROACH ON UN OUTLINED IN REFTEL. I WENT OVER SAME GROUND THAT I DID WITH UNDER SECRETARY MAZRUI IN ABU DHABI SEVERAL DAYS AGO. SUWAYDI LISTENED

CAREFULLY, ASKING QUESTIONS AT SEVERAL POINTS TO MAKE SURE HE UNDERSTOOD OUR VIEWS. AT THE END OF MY PRESENTATION HE SAID THAT HE, PERSONALLY, HAD NOT BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC WITH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN, BUT UAE WAS SMALL COUNTRY AND NOT IN A POSITION TO BE SEEN OPPOSING COURSE OF ACTION

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WHICH ARAB BLOC IN GENERAL WERE IN FAVOR OF. UNFORTUNATEL

MOMENTUM HAD BUILT UP RAPIDLY AT CONFERENCE FOR THIS RESOLUTION AND MODERATES HAD BEEN ABLE TO EXERT LITTLE INFLUENCE TO STOP IT.

2. SUWAYDI SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER POINTS WE HAD MADE CAREFULLY, BUT HE COULD NOT PROMISE US NOW WHAT UAE POSITION WOULD BE ON THIS ISSUE OR THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WOULD COME UP AT UN. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE AN ARAB LEAGUE CAUCUS ON ISRAEL EXPULSION RESOLUTION AND OTHER ISSUES PRIOR TO OPENING OF UNGA. HE SAID THAT IN THE ARAB COUNCILS THE UAE HAD ALWAYS SOUGHT TO ADOPT MODERATE AND REASONABLE POSITION, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO THIS YEAR. I SAID I COULD UNDERSTAND DILEMMA UAEG WAS IN ONCE THESE ISSUES WERE PUT TO VOTE AND THEREFORE IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR UAEG AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED GOVERNMENTS TO WORK BEHIND SCENES TO CHOK OFF THIS DANGEROUS RESOLUTION BEFORE IT COULD COME TO A VOTE. SUWAYDI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE POINT WE WERE TRYING TO MAKE.

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